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1. SUMMARY. USREP CALLED ON FINNISH AMB RAJAKOSKI ON FEB. 28, TO CONVEY VIEWS PARA 2 REFTEL. RAJAKOSKI APPRECIATED SPEEKY USG RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER INQUIRY; THOUGHT GOF WOULD SHORTLY CONVEY INFORMALLY INDICATIONS IT WAS NOT SEEKING PRESIDENCY OF SEABED REVCON FOR PASTINEN. IN AFTERNOON MEETING WESTERN CCD GROUP FEB 28, SAME SUBJECT AROSE AND USREP RESPONDED ALONG LINES PARA 3 REFTEL. IN DISCUSSION

ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH SOV REP, MORNING OF MARCH 1,
USREP ALSO MADE SAME RESPONSE, AND LIKHATCHEV EXPRESSED
HIS APPRECIATION FOR US ATTITUDE. END SUMMARYM

2. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, USREP (MEYERS) CALLED
ON FINNISH AMB RAJAKOSKI MORNING FEB 28 TO EXPLAIN USG
APPRECIATION FOR FINNISH UNREP PASTINEN'S SKILLS AND
CAPABILITIES, AND THAT HE WOULD BE OUR FIRST CHOICE
AMONG POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRIES,
NOTING ALSO THAT RAJAKOSKI, IN HIS APPROACH ON THIS
SUBJECT, FEB 18, HAD INDICATED AWARENESS OPPOSITION TO
PASTINEN AS PRESIDENT SEABED RDVCON COMMENCING JUNE 20,
USREP CONVEYED VIEWS AS STATED REFTEL PARA 2, INDICATING
THAT US INCLINED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUPPORT POLISH REP
WYZNER. RAJAKOSKI APPRECIATED RAPID USG RESPONSE TO HIS
FEB 18 INQUIRY; WAS CERTAIN HE WOULD SHORTLY BE INSTRUCTED
CONVEY WORD AROUND THAT FINLAND WAS NO LONGER INTERSTED
IN SEABED REVCON PRESIDENCY; AND THOUGHT BOTH PASTINEN
WOULD BE RELIEVED AND THAT GOV COULD AVOID UNCOMFORTABLE
POSITION WITH RESPECT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WHO SEEMED FAVOR
POLISH REP'S CANDIDACY.

3. IN AFTERNOON FEB 28, AT END OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG
WESTERN CCD GROUP REGARDING TACTICS AND SUBSTANCE FOR
NEXT TWO WEEKS INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD, REPORTED SEPTEL,
ISSUE OF REVCON PRESIDENCY AROSE, AND USREP STATED USG
INCLINED TOWARD WYZNER, ALTHOUGH US ALSO REGARDED PASTINEN
AS WELL-QUALIFIED AND ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE, IF THERE WERE
CONSENSUS IN HIS FAVOR. HOWEVER, USREP ALSO NOTED THAT
FINNS APPEARED AWARE OF NON-ALIGNED OPPOSITION TO
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PATINEN, DERIVING IN PART FROM HIS ROLE IN SUCCESSFULLY
STEERING ENMOD RES IN LAST UNGA TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION,
AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS GOF MIGHT WELL WITHDRAW PASTINEN'S
TENTATIVE CANDIDACY.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH SOV REP LIKHATCHEV, IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR MARCH 1 MORNING CCD PLENARY, USREP ALSO INDICATED
VIEWS DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTEL, SIMILAR TO RESPONSE TO
WESTERN GROUP PERVERSIVE DAY. LIKHATCHEV EXPRESSED BOTH
OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR US INDICATION OF
WILLINGNESS SUPPORT WYZNER. CATTO

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